

# News Release

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## Wisconsin Family Business of the Year Award Winners Announced

**Madison, WI – May 1, 2014:** Nine family businesses were honored in the eleventh annual **Wisconsin Family Business of the Year Award** banquet held Thursday evening in Madison. Three grand awards were presented along with six special awards.

“We have seen our family businesses clients creating jobs in this recovery. They are the quiet and patient engine of the economy in their communities”, stated Julie Bogle, lead Partner in the Family Business practice at Smith & Gesteland, the award founding sponsor. “They understand their role in the markets they operate in and serve. We love recognizing the wonderful things they have done in Wisconsin.” she stated.

Nineteen companies were nominated for the awards. Winners were selected by an independent panel of judges. Grand Awards were presented in three size categories: Large (200+ employees), Medium (100-199), and Small (under 100). Special awards were given by the judges to companies excelling in a particular area.

### Grand Awards

State Collection Service, Inc., Madison  
Automation Components, Inc., Middleton  
Michael F. Simon Builders, Inc., Waunakee

Grand Award - Large  
Grand Award - Medium  
Grand Award - Small

### Special Awards/Title

HM Graphics Inc., Milwaukee  
Masters Gallery Foods, Inc., Plymouth  
Mid-State Equipment, Columbus  
Peterson Wood Treating, Inc., Superior  
Professional Construction, Inc., Waukesha  
S&L Companies, Portage

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**About the Award:** The Wisconsin Family Business of the Year Award is sponsored by Smith & Gesteland, LLP, a Madison-based CPA and Business Consulting firm, First Business Bank, and the Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek law firm, to highlight and celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of family businesses that make an impact on their communities and on the Wisconsin economy.

Further information about the award can be found at [www.familybusinessaward.com](http://www.familybusinessaward.com).

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